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POLICE ARREST SUSPECTS IN 1986 MURDER CASE

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives have arrested four suspects in a 1986 murder case that occurred in Balboa Park.

On June 6, 1986, Delores Artig was murdered near the 2600 block of Golf Course Drive. The 36-year old victim had been socializing in Balboa Park with two male friends when they were approached by several other males. The males robbed Attig and her friends, then dragged her a short distance from the robbery location, where she was raped and murdered. She died as a result of a gunshot wound. Her friends survived the ordeal.

Homicide Unit detectives conducted an exhaustive investigation at the time, but the case went unsolved for the next 20 years.

In 2006, Homicide Cold Case Team detectives reviewed the case and resubmitted evidence to the Crime Lab for evaluation. In October 2006, a DNA hit was received on Richard Archuletta (38), who was in custody in state prison. Cold Case Team detectives obtained an arrest warrant for him. A second DNA hit was received on Eddie Guarra Gomez (37). Detectives arrested him yesterday as he arrived for a parole appointment in Bermuda Dunes in Riverside County. Also yesterday, detectives developed additional information linking Eddie Lopez Montanez (44) and Steve Lopez Montanez (49) to the crime. With assistance from the San Diego Police Vice Unit, as well as the Indio Police Department and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, they were arrested at separate locations in Riverside County early this morning.

Eddie Gomez, Eddie Montanez and Steve Montanez were booked into San Diego County Jail on murder charges.

The Cold Case Team is responsible for investigation of older, unsolved murder cases and is comprised of personnel from the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Marshal's Service.

(See attached sheet for photos of the suspects)

SUSPECTS IN 1986 ATTIG MURDER



Richard Archuletta



Eddie Gomez



Steve Lopez Montanez



Eddie Lopez Montanez